International Amateur Radio Day

International Amateur Radio Day is celebrated each year on 18 April to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the IARU in Paris in 1925.

This year the theme is "Amateur Radio: Your Gateway to Wireless Communication". It is an opportunity for amateurs to show their expertise in digital and wireless communications to those in the community who have wireless communication interests, but haven't looked into amateur radio yet.

International Marconi Day

Organised by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi on 25 April 1874. It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 26 April, from 00:00 to 23:59 UTC. Details, including information on the relevant Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at www.gb4imd.org.uk

Australian 'black box' flight recorder inventor honoured

With the recent Malaysian Airlines MH-370 flight disappearing there has been much on the air about trying to find and retrieve the Black Box, well the Assistant Minister for Defence, Stuart Robert, has announced that the Canberra headquarters of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation is being named after the late Dr David Warren who developed the 'black box' to help in the investigation of aircraft accidents.

Dr Warren invented the black box flight recorder in the mid-1950s when employed at one of DSTO's predecessor organisations, the Aeronautical Research Laboratory at Fisherman's Bend in Melbourne.

The black box is the most famous invention developed in that laboratory, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. The laboratory also has a worldwide reputation for pioneering aircraft fatigue testing, for which it has won two international aeronautical science awards.

One wonders why the 'black box' is so named when it is 'international orange.'

International lighthouse event going strong

With 30 countries and more than 190 registrations so far, the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend held in August is the premier ham fun-event.

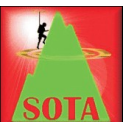*Have **YOU** done anything today to Promote **Amateur Radio?***

April
7 - Schools open
10 - Closing date for May RAE
11 to 12 - SARL National Convention
12 to 21 - Steam Heritage Festival, Ficksburg
15 - Pesach begins
18 - Good Friday; World Amateur Radio Day
18 to 20 - Sedgefield Slow Festival
19 - Autumn QRP Contest; Two Oceans Marathon
20 - Easter Sunday
21 - Family Day
22 - Pesach ends
25 to 27 - Olive Festival, Prince Albert
26 - International Marconi Day
26 to 29 - Cheese Festival, Stellenbosch
27 - Freedom Day
28 - Public Holiday
29 - School holiday
30 - School holiday

May
1 - Worker's Day
2 - School holiday
4 - ZS3 Sprint
10 and 11 - AWA AM and SSB Contest
11 - Mother's Day
15 - May RAE
16 to 18 - Dayton Hamvention
24 - SA AMSAT Symposium
24 and 25 - CQ WPX CW Contest
25 - SARL Digital Contest
29 - Ascension Day

Current Summits-on-the-Air (SOTA) activities are announced at www.sotawatch.org
And more SOTA information can be found at www.sota.org.uk and www.zs4bfn.co.za/sota.asp

HF Happenings

The popular annual event began two decades ago based on the earlier Scottish Northern Lighthouses Activity Weekend.

Attention is now on who will be honoured as this year's 200th registration. The 100th to be registered was the Point Lowly Lighthouse by the Whyalla Amateur Radio Club VK5BWR. That coincides with Whyalla's annual show and some of its visitors will also come to the heritage listed lighthouse complex built in 1883 on South Australia's Spencer Gulf.

The basic objective of the weekend is to increase public awareness, preservation and restoration on old maritime structures, plus promotion of Amateur Radio and to foster goodwill.

Each year it gets stronger, with more than 500 registrations from 54 seagoing nations last year. On air activity was enormous and many issued special QSL cards. Event statistics are online, and from 2002 those taking part can report on their experiences. Facebook and Google Earth Maps are there too.

To register a lighthouse, lightship or marine beacon, or see the event guidelines for 16 and 17 August, visit the website www.illw.net

IOTA - New Groups

The key event at IOTA's 50th Anniversary Convention, to be held from 4 to 6 July, will be the announcement of 10 new IOTA groups, the first new tranche to be added since the year 2000. Two of these 10 will be left for final decision at the Convention on the basis of evidence-supported representations made in person by delegates. All additions to the list will conform with IOTA rules amended in a minor way in the new IOTA Directory to be published in early May. It is envisaged that much of the discussion between DXpeditionners attending the Convention will be on their plans to activate these new groups and achieve that NEW ONE badge. Join this exciting occasion by enrolling for the Convention on www.rsgbevents.org where the special discount price for attendance has been extended to 30 April. Decisions taken will be notified on the RSGB IOTA website after the Convention.

African DX

5T, Mauritania. Jean, ON8RA, who has been active as 5T0JL (QSL via ON8RA) from Mauritania since 1 March, announced that he will activate 5T1MM (QSL via PY4WAS) with members of the "Grupo Juizforano de CW" (CWJF) between 15 and 22 April and during the CQ Manchester Mineira DX CW Contest (19 and 20 April) which is also sponsored by the CWJF of Brazil. The special call sign is being used to celebrate the new Ham Radio partnership between Brazil and Mauritania, and to help the Morse Code preservation Worldwide! Jean would like to invite everyone to become a CWJF member and visit their Web page at http://www.cwjf.com.br. Outside of the contest Jean will operate CW only and be on 15, 12 and 10 metres.

7P, Lesotho. Operators Frosty, K5LBU, San, K5YY, Dick, K9APW, Joel, N5JR, Joel, G8APB, Marco, HB9OCR, and Roger, ZS6RJ will be active as 7P8CF, 7P8YY, 7P8RL, 7P8JR, 7P8CP, 7P8MH and 7P8RJ, respectively, from Lesotho between 22 April and 1 May. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via operator's home call sign or listen for operators' instructions. Look for more details to be forthcoming. Also, visit http://www.mdxc.org/lesotho2014

7Q, Malawi. Members of the Black Mamba Contest & DXpedition Team will be active as 7QAA (yep, that is the call sign) and plan to be active this November and December (specific dates below). They plan to have around 20 to 24 operators, the current list mentions Chris, DL2MDU, Emil, DL8JJ, Jo, DJ3CQ, John, GW4SKA, Frosty, K5LBU, Dick, K9APW, Neil, VA7DX, Don, VE7DS, Keith, VE7KW, Bob, W5UQ, Sam, ZS6BRZ, and Roger, ZS6RJ. The ZS pilot station is Hal, ZS6WB. The operators will split into two sub-teams operating over different date-range periods:

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* Team One will operate only SSB and RTTY on 160 to 10 metres as well as 6 metres (any mode that works) for the first eleven days.

* Team Two will follow on for the next eleven days, operating on CW only, and running an M2 contest entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest for Zone 37.

Suggested frequencies are as follows:

CW – 1 825, 3 520, 7 018, 10 105, 14 018, 18 075, 21 018, 24 905 and 28 018 kHz

SSB – 1 845, 3 790, 7 085, 14 180, 18 145, 21 180, 24 960 and 28 480 kHz

RTTY – 3 610, 7 042, 10 140, 14 082, 18 102, 21 082, 24 912 and 28 082 kHz

6 m – 50 110/CW and 50 110/SSB

Please Note: JA frequencies and NA license class frequencies and other country exceptions will be added into this list later.

QSL route still has not be announced yet. ClubLog will be used. Look for more details to be forthcoming. A Web page is still currently under construction at http://www.malawidx.org

CN, Morocco. Carlos, CT1QP, is now active as CN2CL from Morocco until 15 April. This is a mobile DXpedition from the Sahara Desert. QSL via CT1QP.

African Islands

S7, Seychelles. Pascal, F5JSD, to be active as S79SD from Mahe (AF-024) between 15 and 25 April. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 metres, possibly 6 metres if open, using mainly CW, and during the morning and evening hours. PLEASE NOTE: On the 40 m band, Pascal will be sending CW on 7050 kHz (according to the Seychelles Radio Regulations, the 40 metre allocation is 7 050 to 7 100 kHz), and listening probably under 7 030 kHz. Pascal will operate with 100 w into a vertical antenna. QSL via LoTW (after his return home), or via the French REF-Bureau (please only this Bureau), preferred.

S7, Seychelles. Wolfgang, OE1MWW to be active as S79WK from the Seychelles in April. On 6 to 11 and 19 to 25 April he will be on Praslin and Mahe respectively (both count for AF-024); on 12 to 19 April he will be maritime mobile while cruising around the islands. He will operate CW, SSB and PSK31 during his evenings. QSL via home call.

3B8, Mauritius (AF-049). Mart, DL6UAA, is once again back on Mauritius as 3B8MM until the end of April (20 +/- days). Activity is usually on 80 to 10 metres using mostly CW. Some SSB and Digital will be possible. Mart also informed OPDX that he will operate on 6 m too with a 5 element beam and 80 w. QSL via DL6UAA, by the Bureau or direct. Visit his Web page at http://www.dl6uaa.com/3b8main.html

Operating Tip

So you are tuning around the bands and hear a station calling "CQ TEST" and maybe working stations but there is no indication in which contest they happen to be engaged. You can always make an inspired guess and just send them a signal report and a made-up serial number - or just ask them - but how do you *really* figure it out without calling? Start by downloading a Contest Corral PDF http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar or log on to WA7BNM's http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal or SM3CER's http://www.sk3bg.se/contest contest calendars. See if you can determine what the stations are exchanging - is it a number that changes or is it a fixed value or code? How many elements are there in the exchange? Note the location of the station calling CQ - perhaps there are more of them in the same part of the band. Now look at the contest listings and see if you can match them with a listed contest - you will probably be able to narrow the choices down to one or two contests. Jump in and give it a try! (Thanks for the idea - Ken, KX6X)

And you think you have problems!

Do you have problems telling the radio amateur on the other side of the QSO the name of your QTH?

Spare a thought for radio amateurs staying in Llanfairpwll-gwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch.

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch is a large village and community on the island of Anglesey in Wales, situated on the Menai Strait next to the Britannia Bridge and across the strait from Bangor.

John, ZS5J, is visiting the United Kingdom and came across this village on his way to Ireland. He posted the photo of the town name at the railway station on FaceBook.

So Tweebuffelsmeteenskootmorsdoodgeskeitfontein is not that difficult and it is much shorter.

Colin, ZS6COL, says he and Mary, ZR6MY, also visited this village some years ago and he has provided a translation of the name. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch means [St.] Mary's Church (Llanfair) [in] the hollow (pwll) of the white hazel (gwyn gyll) near (go ger) the rapid whirlpool (y chwyrn drobwll) [and] the church of [St.] Tysilio (llantysilio) with a red cave ([a]g ogo[f] goch). Also a mouthful!!

XV, Vietnam

Radio amateurs in Vietnam can now enjoy the extended 40 m band up to 7 200 kHz, the 30 m band and new frequencies on 80 m up to 3 900 kHz, as well as the new 600 m band (472 kHz - 479 kHz) and 160 m (1 800 kHz to 2 000 kHz). The new band plan can be retrieved in this document on page 27 http://www.rfd.gov.vn/imgs/2b8c93be29ab3da8227ae163fc7525f3-71pdf.pdf; http://varc.radioclub.asia/

Word to the Wise

Update - keep your software, firmware, hardware, and wet-ware (that stuff in between your ears) up to date. Agreed, change can be uncomfortable, but keeping up with the times will often pay dividends you aren't expecting.

This and That

The super check partial (SCP) database has a new administrator, Stu Phillips, K6TU. All of the files and processes have been transferred to Stu by outgoing administrator, Bob, WA1Z, who says, "Going forward, please continue to send Stu your contest logs after every contest to the same email address logs@supercheckpartial.com. SCP files will continue to be released via the www.supercheckpartial.com website. I'd like to thank Stu for taking over and everyone else who expressed interest in helping out. I'd also like to thank George, K5TR, who donates web server space for SCP, for the technical assistance he provided us during the transition process."

Ross, KB8NTY, contributes news of the Time and Date website http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/ that provides information on holidays and observances from around the world, in addition to other international tit-bits. The site offers world clocks, time zones, solar and lunar calculations, timers, calculators, apps, and more! This helps Ross determine when amateurs of a specific needed country may be "off" at home and on-the-air during a normal work week schedule - insights of which we may not normally be aware.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 7 to 14 April 2014

NCCC RTTY Sprint
02:00 - 02:30 UTC 11 April
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 13 April 2014
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: http://www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

NCCC Sprint Ladder
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 11 April
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 13 April 2014
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: http://www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

JIDX CW Contest
07:00 UTC 12 April to 13:00 UTC 13 April
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single; Maritime Mobile
Max power: HP: >100 w; LP: 100 w
Exchange: JA: RST and Prefecture no; non-JA: RST and CQ Zone no
Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 4 points per JA-DX QSO on 160 m; 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 80 m; 1 points per JA-DX QSO on 40, 20, 15 m; 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 10 m
Multipliers: JA Stations: DXCC countries and CQ zones once per band; non-JA Stations: JA prefectures plus JD1/O, JD1/MT, JD1/OT once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 13 May 2014
E-mail logs to: cw@jidx.org
Mail logs to: JIDX CW Contest, c/o Five-Nine Magazine, PO Box 59, Kamata, Tokyo 144-8691, Japan
Find rules at: http://www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html

OK/OM DX SSB Contest
12:00 UTC 12 April to 12:00 UTC 13 April
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; SWL
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: OK/OM: RS and 3-letter district code; non-OK/OM: RS and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: OK/OM-Station: 2 points per QSO with same country; OK/OM-Station: 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; OK/OM-Station: 5 points per QSO with different continent; non-OK/OM: 10 points per QSO with OK/OM station; non-OK/OM: 1 point per QSO same country; non-OK/OM: 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; non-OK/OM: 5 points per QSO with different continent
Multipliers: Each OK/OM county once per band; each country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 27 April 2014
Upload log at: http://okomdx.crk.cz/index.php?page=send-log
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://okomdx.crk.cz/index.php?page=englis

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SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
12:00 UTC 12 April to 24:00 UTC 13 April
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)
Max operating hours: 24
Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and SKCC no or "NONE"
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 20 April 2014
Post log summary at: http://wes.m0trn.com/submission.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

New Mexico QSO Party
14:00 UTC 12 April to 02:00 UTC 13 April
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op; Mobile Single Op; Mobile Multi-Op
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: NM: Name and county; non-NM: Name and state, province or country
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/Digital QSO; Mobile Bonus: 5 000 points per county from which at least 15 QSOs
Multipliers: NM Stations: Each county, state, province, DXCC country once; non-NM Stations: Each NM county once
Power: HP = 1 X, LP = 2 X, QRP = 5 X
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults x power mult) and mobile bonus points
Submit logs by: 30 April 2014
E-mail logs to: logs@newmexicoqsoparty.org
Mail logs to: New Mexico QSO Party, c/o Amateur Radio Caravan Club, PO Box 36365, Albuquerque, NM 87176-6365, USA
Find rules at: http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/

EU Spring CW Sprint
16:00 - 19:59 UTC 12 April
Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op - low or high
Max power: HP: >100 w; LP: 100 w
Exchange: your call sign, other station's call sign, serial no and name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 27 April 2014
E-mail logs to: eusprint@kkn.net
Mail logs to: Dave Lawley, G4BUO, Carramore, Coldharbour Road, Penshurst, Kent TN11 8EX, England
Find rules at: http://www.eu-sprint.com/index.php?page=140&lang=g

Georgia QSO Party
18:00 UTC 12 April to 0359Z 13 April and 14:00 UTC-2359Z 13 April
Mode: CW/Digital, Phone
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Rover Single Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Rover Multi-Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >150 w; LP: 150 w; QRP: 5 w / 10 w
Exchange: GA: RST and county; non-GA: RST and state, province or "DX"
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO
Multipliers: GA Stations: Each state and DC and VE province/territory once per mode; non-GA Stations: each GA county once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 15 May 2014
E-mail logs to: logs@georgiaqsoparty.org
Mail logs to: John Laney, K4BAI, PO Box 421, Columbus, GA 31902-0421, USA
Find rules at: http://www.georgiaqsoparty.org/

Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
21:00 UTC 12 April to 21:00 UTC 13 April
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, Satellites
Classes: Single Op Multi-Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single; SWL

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Exchange: RST and ITU Zone no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same country; 3 points per QSO with different country on same continent; 4 points per QSO with different continent; 100 points per satellite QSO; 3 x QSO points on 160/80 m, 2 x QSO points on 40 m

Multipliers: ITU zones once per band; QSO with special stations once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 May 2014

E-mail logs to: gc14@bk.ru

Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en&mf=0

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://gc.qst.ru/en/section/32

International Vintage HF Contest

12:00 - 18:00 UTC 13 April

Mode: CW, SSB, AM

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op CW; Single Op SSB; Single Op AM; Multi-Op All Band; Multi-Op Single Band; SWL

Exchange: RS(T) and 4-character grid square

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 April 2014

E-mail logs to: iv3ehh@iv3ehh.it

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.contestvintage.beepworld.it/rules-2012.htm

Hungarian Straight Key Contest

15:00 - 17:00 UTC 13 April

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op (10 w/100 w); Multi-Op (10 w/100 w)

Exchange: RST, serial no and power code

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with category B; 3 points per QSO with category A

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 28 April 2014

E-mail logs to: hskc@ha8kux.com

Mail logs to: Provics Ferenc, PO Box 620, Szeged-1 H-6701, Hungary

Find rules at: http://hskc.ha8kux.com/data/2014/Hungarian%20Straight%20Key%20Contest%202014.pdf

Next Weeks Contests

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 16 April; 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 17 April

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, SSB, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 16 April

ARLHS Annual Spring Lites QSO Party, 00:01 UTC 17 April to 23:59 UTC 22 April

NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 April

Holyland DX Contest, 21:00 UTC 18 April to 21:00 UTC 19 April

TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 19 April

ES Open HF Championship, 05:00 – 05:59 UTC; 06:00 – 06:59 UTC; 07:00 – 07:59 UTC and 08:00 – 08:59 UTC 19 April

Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest, 06:00 UTC 19 April to 05:59 UTC 20 April

CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 19 April to 23:59 UTC 20 April

Nebraska QSO Party, 12:00 UTC 19 April to 17:59 UTC 20 April

EU Spring Sprint, SSB, 16:00 UTC-19:59 UTC 19 April

Michigan QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 19 April to 04:00 UTC 20 April

EA-QRP CW Contest, 17:00 - 20:00 UTC (20 - 10 m) 20:00 – 23:00 UTC (80 m) 19 April; 07:00 – 11:00 UTC (40 m) 11:00 - 13:00 UTC (20 – 10 m) 20 April

North Dakota QSO Party 18:00 UTC 19 April to 18:00 UTC 20 April

Ontario QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 19 April to 05:00 UTC 20 April and 12:00 - 18:00 UTC 20 April

Feld Hell Sprint, 20:00 – 22:00 UTC 19 April

YU DX Contest, 21:00 UTC 19 April to 05:00 UTC 20 April and 09:00 - 17:00 UTC 20 April

"I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me."

ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB, 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 20 April
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 21 April
Low Power Spring Sprint, 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 21 April

Tony's 10 Metre Report

Quite a good week with VK9MT and W1AW (varieties) running well. Loads of other DX about. I worked more Russians but my highlight was ZD7FT (St Helena Is), and M8C (Cray Valley, England).

First, a reply from Steven, 2E0NHR who says the call R0000O is the Winter Olympic special call. Thanks for that Steven, I should have known, though in my defence I had R0000o and it just looked wrong. Also Steven worked UP7KEDR 5/9 on Tuesday. But in his words, "10 m for me this week has been very poor... did the Sunday half of the Polish contest and didn't get 1 QSO on it. Only worked 1 station this week!" But he managed 2 on Wednesday, RO80KEDR 5/9 and 9K2F 5/9.

Also Tuesday, Fauzan, 9W2FOR, worked JT1BV 5/9, ON4GI 5/9, PAOSJE 5/9, VU2RBI 5/9, **ZS3Y 5/9**, IZ6CLZ 5/9, IK6SNR 5/9, F2HEZ and heard WIAW/KH2 5/7, JE1RXJ 5/9, 9W2GSG 5/7,ZL7AAA 5/7, SV1PMR 5/7, OH4RF 5/9, DL4DKM 5/7, **ZS6RHL 5/7**.

9W2GSG, Nazmi, had a good day on Wednesday. He worked UR5UC, F4WBN, IK8NSR, SV7LYG, LZ1VVV, EA4GB, I2CCM, IZ3DVU, VU2UU, IZ8TZW, YO4DLA, 4L4C, **ZS1VV**, **ZS6DAY** and SV9/F6H. "Hi Tony.. this is my report for you. SV9/F6HZD from Crete and 4L4C from Georgia are my new DXCCs.. and now my personal record of DXCC on 10 m is 99, one more to get 100 DXCC.. only on 10 m band.. tq Tony..73 from West Malaysia.. jumpa lagi.."

And from Arie, 9W2VVH, *"Hi Tony. Greetings from Malaysia. On Apr 8, I wkd SP6NIC, SP3FFK, ES7RDR, SM5XGQ, DH4AE, IZOHTR & SM4RNH in a short opening to EU midnight local time with moderate report 55-57 both side. Apr 9 - Only wkd DJ9FC and then QRT because of bad WX (cloudy and thunder). Any way... tnx Tony for your good job to compile all the 10 m report every week. Tahniah dan senyum selalu. Terima kasih dan jumpa lagi. 73 de Arie."*

(As always Google translate is your friend. What Arie is saying is *"Congratulations and smile always. Thank you and goodbye".*

History this Week, week starting 7 April 14

1633 - Galileo Galilei's second trial by the Inquisition, decided that "the Earth was not the centre of the Universe" was heretical

1751 - Ebenezer Kinnersley advertised in the Pennsylvania Gazette that he was to give a lecture on "The Newly Discovered Electrical Fire."

1802 - Richard Trevithick took out his first patent. It was for the first full sized road locomotive

1803 - A patent was issued for the engine used on a twin-screw propeller steamboat built by John Stevens of Hoboken, NY

1833 - Gauss & Weber, Germany, demonstrate electromagnetic telegraph

1846 - The telegraph ticker tape machine was patented by R.E. House

1849 - The first US patent for a safety pin was issued to Walter Hunt of New York City

1872 - Dried milk was patented by Samuel R. Percy

1879 - Milk is sold in glass bottles for first time

1900 - First military (Royal Navy) use of wireless in the Boer War over a distance of 85 km

1903 - Fred Skinner, NY, first 'amateur' with 42 person, 9,65 km (6 mile) telegraph line

1934 - Highest wind velocity 371,6 knots per hour (688 km/h), Mt Washington, New Hampshire, USA

Items used with acknowledgement to The ARRL Letter, Amateur Radio Newsline, OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX Bulletin, DXNL Bulletin, ARRL DX News, WIA-News, the RSGB News and Southgate ARC News